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For Immediate Release:

## MORE THAN 1,000 TO RECEIVE DEGREES FROM EIU

CHARLESTON -- More than 1,000 students are expected to graduate from Eastern Illinois University this fall, and many of those – about 750 – will participate in formal commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 9.

Those planning to participate in the formal ceremonies also include some of the 605 students who officially graduated at the end of the summer term in August.

Ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium. Guest tickets are required for admission to the ceremonies.

The Graduate School, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities will march in the morning ceremony, while the School of Adult and Continuing Education, College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Sciences will march in the afternoon.

Theodore "Ted" W. Ivarie, retiring dean of Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, will present the "Charge to the Class" during Saturday's morning ceremony. Robert Knollenberg, president, CEO and chairman of the board for Research Elector-Optics., Inc.,

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**E**astern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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will address graduates in the afternoon -- just before receiving his own degree, an honorary doctorate of public service.

Also addressing graduates will be Student Body President Katie Cox of Lovington; Sylvia Nichols of Edwardsville and Victor Brooks of Batavia, president and vice president of the EIU Alumni Association; and Faculty Senate Chairperson James Tidwell. Representing Eastern's Board of Trustees in the morning ceremony will be Keith D. Branson, and in the afternoon, Dr. Roger Dettro. Both men are from Mattoon.

The faculty marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony will be Carol M. Helwig, professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, who represents the Graduate School. She has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1969.

Representing the Board of Trustees Degree Program as faculty marshal in the afternoon ceremony will be Tom Boldrey, professor of technology. He has been with Eastern since 1987.

Special recognition will be given to one Livingston C. Lord Scholarship recipient -- Jennifer Walker of Lombard. The prestigious scholarship, named after Eastern's first president, is presented during commencement ceremonies to honorees who plan to pursue careers in elementary or secondary education.